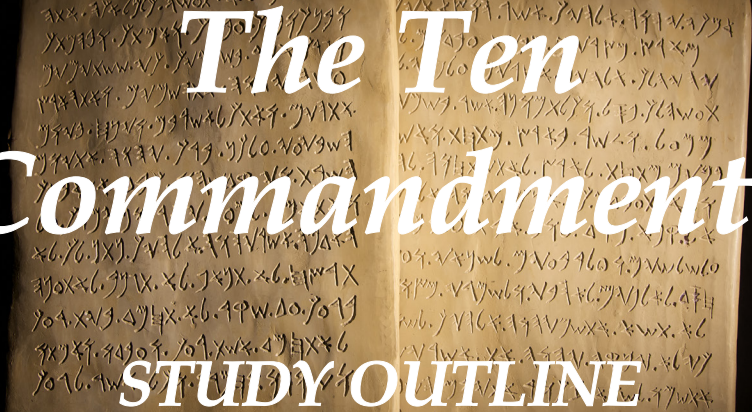


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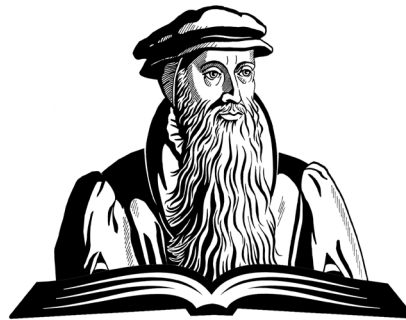
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THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

Lecture Title:

Do Not Murder

Key Text:

“Thou shalt not kill.”—Exodus 20, verse 13

Summary:

From this lecture, we learn that the Sixth Commandment is not only relevant in its literal meaning, but also in its deeper layers. God forbids and commands us through this commandment, as in every commandment. This lecture also deals with some very important ethical issues regarding suicide, abortion, and euthanasia. There are also exceptions to be considered in this commandment. Lastly, the deeper layers of the Sixth Commandment come to light in Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew 5, verses 21 through 24.

Structure:

1. Introduction – the sixth general principle.
2. Who gave this commandment, and why this commandment was given:
 - a. Who gave this commandment.
 - b. Why it was given.
3. What God forbids and commands, with various layers of the commandment:
 - a. What God forbids.
 - b. Three exceptions.
 - c. The deeper layers of the Sixth Commandment.
 - d. What God commands.
4. Conclusion.

Review Questions:

1. What is the sixth general principle regarding understanding the Ten Commandments? What are some instances in our society where this principle requires or forbids action?

2. Why is it so important to understanding that it is the Creator of life who gave this commandment?

3. How does this commandment relate to the image of God?

4. Why did God give us this commandment?

5. What does God forbid in this commandment? What are the various issues surrounding murder today?

6. What is a “mild form” of transgressing the Sixth Commandment?

7. What are exceptions where killing is permitted or required?

8. How can you answer the following objection: “All war is evil, so Christians should never participate in war”?

9. What are the “deeper layers” relating to the Sixth Commandment? What does God require of us in this commandment?

10. Why is it necessary to expound the commandments?

Further Application:

1. Meditate on this Sixth Commandment along with the Heidelberg Catechism and the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

2. What practical instructions did you learn from this lecture? How does this affect your own life?
